## Voltron New Beginnings

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(On earth)

"Alex!" Andy whimpered in her sleep. "Ariel!!" she cried out waking up in a cold sweat.

"Huh? What's wrong angel? Are you having a bad dream?" Keith yawned sleepily and got up from his sleep mat near her bed and went to cuddle her in his arms.

"Daddy! Something awful has happened to Alex and Ariel!" she clung to her father.

"What were you dreaming about?" Keith rocked her in his arms.

"Rand has them Daddy, he has hurt Uncle Lance really badly and then he took my sisters!" she wailed hysterically.

"Easy baby, everything was fine when I talked with your grandpa this afternoon. Rand was safely behind bars and your sisters hadn't arrived yet." He tried to calm her down.

- "Is she okay?" Eric was standing in her doorway having felt that she was terrified about something.
- "She had a bad dream, but she'll be fine. You can go back to bed now Eric." Keith glared at the teen.
- Eric ignored him and walked straight towards Andy, "Are you okay Dromi?" he asked softly.
- "I think so." she sniffled and blinked up at him. "You can go back to your room, Daddy is here with me."
- "Okay but do me a favor and try and dream good dreams this time." He grinned at her.
- "I will." she actually managed to smile at him.
- "Night Dromi."
- "Night Eric."
- "I think that you have acquired a protector little one." Keith smiled at her.
- "Daddy could you hold me until I fall back to sleep?" she sniffled.
- "I'll do you one better than that. I will hold you while you sleep that way you won't have any more bad dreams." He got in under the covers and then settled her in his arms. She was asleep in minutes and so was he.

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(Outside the residence of General Michael Edwards)

\_\*Now lets see. That window over there is where Keith is sleeping and that one over there is where the little brat is. This is too easy. \*\_ Shaitan thought as he scaled up the side of the huge home. He was completely unaware that a rather large and furry obstacle lay snoozing on the window-seat by Andy's bed.

- \_\*All I have to do is open up the window and slip inside the room. \* \_What he did was step on Sasha's tail.
- "Raow!!! " Sash hissed in fury when he stepped on her tail. Not at all pleased the cat clawed her attacker digging her razor sharp nails into Shaitan's leg until her attacker retreated back out the window. "Hiss!! Raow!!" She spat at him as Shaitan limped away and disappeared into the shadows.
- "Sasha!! Be quiet I don't want you to wake up Andy!" Keith snarled at the cat and she snarled at him as if to say that's the thanks I get for protecting my new mistress!, But then settled back to sleep.

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"Well? Did you get the princess?" Rand snarled at his brother's image.

"No, I ran into a slight miscalculation." Shaitan winced as he applied an anti-biotic to the long deep wounds on his shin and thigh.

"What do you mean that you ran into a slight miscalculation!!?" Rand bellowed.

"You didn't tell me that she had a gigantic lion for a pet!" he snarled back as he wrapped his leg up with a bandage.

"You idiot! That isn't her cat! It's the General's cat! Did she scare you off baby brother?" Rand laughed at him.

"It tried to tear my leg off!!" he snarled back.

"Are you saying that you want help?" Rand growled.

"No I can do this myself!"

"Good! Shaitan don't fail me again." Rand signed off.

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Allura ran into the control room in her nightgown, "Koran! Get me King Oran at once!"

"Allura it's the middle of the night!" Koran yawned in protest.

"Koran! Do as I say! I have this terrible feeling that something has happened to my daughters!!" She snarled at him.

Oran's face appeared on the main monitor. "You'd better have some good news for me!" Oran snarled.

"I had better have good news from you! Dad!" Allura snarled at him.

"Allura my child, what has made my beautiful daughter-in-law call at this hour?" Oran tried to act as if nothing were wrong.

"You tell me Dad. Where are my babies?!" she hissed at him. "Why hasn't Lance returned to Arus yet?"

"Now calm down child, there has been a slight situation here."

"What is going on?! What happened to my girls?!" she knew that something terrible had happened.

"Rand escaped just before Lance arrived with the girls. He took out Lance and Red lion and kidnapped the girls. I am so sorry Allura."

"Your sorry!?" she screamed at him, "My babies are at the hands of

that maniac and all you can say is you are sorry!!!" she ranted at him. "Does Keith know about this!?" she was almost going into hysterics.

- "Not yet but.." Oran started to explain.
- "Fine!! Then I will tell him myself!?" she cut off Oran and then placed a call to the General. "Galaxy Alliance Command? This is Queen Allura on Arus! Connect me to the General's residence at once!" she ordered.
- "It's the middle of the night your highness. Can you wait until the morning?" the young officer on watch yawned.
- "I do not care if you have to wake up the entire base!! Get me the General!!!" she snarled at the young man.
- "Yes, at once your highness!" he snarled back at her, but did as he was told and transferred the call to the General's private line.
- "Do you have any idea what time it is?!" Michael snarled at whoever was calling him.
- "I want to speak to Keith now!" she snarled at him.
- "Allura? What happened? Is something wrong?" he frowned at his furious daughter-in-law.
- "Just let me talk to Keith." she hissed.
- "Sure just a second." he transferred her to the Tele-com in Andy's room.
- "Keith here, What's wrong now?" he yawned.
- "What's wrong now?!" Allura snarled at him. "Rand kidnapped our daughters!!!"
- "What?!!" he was now totally awake and ready to murder someone.
- "He escaped from prison yesterday, took out Lance and then kidnapped our girls! I thought that you were going to check on them as soon as you got to earth!?" she glared at him.
- "I did check in on them, but they hadn't arrived yet and I had Andromeda to deal with! How was I suppose to know what Rand was up to?" he glared at her.
- "You are their father! How could you not know!" she accused him.
- "Listen to me Allura! I may be their father, but that does not mean that I know what is going to happen to them all the time!" He roared in his defense.
- "What's wrong Daddy? Why are you yelling at Mommy?" Andy blinked up at him with sleepy eyes.
- "Sorry angel, Daddy will lower his voice." he glared at Allura for

waking their child.

- "Andromeda! Thank Arus your safe!" Allura cried with relief when Andy sat up in bed next to Keith.
- "Why wouldn't she be safe Allura? She has been with me." Keith growled.
- "Why wouldn't I be safe? Is there something wrong? Did something happen to my sisters?" Andy demanded an answer from her parents.
- "Your sisters have been kidnapped by Rand." Allura informed her daughter.
- "Then it wasn't a dream!" She feared for her sister's lives.
- "Apparently not baby, but I will get them back safe and sound." he promised her.
- "Alone?!" Allura was not at all pleased with the idea of Keith going into the situation alone.
- "Yes darling, I left my army back at home with you remember." his voice just oozed with sarcasm.
- "That isn't necessary I am going to go with you to rescue our kids." Allura smiled at him.
- "No way Allura, you promised me that you would stay in the castle with the twins until they were at least a year old." Keith glared at her smiling face.
- "I lied, besides you are there and I am at home, so you couldn't stop me from going even if you wanted to."
- "I know you to well love, that is why I took this along with me." he grinned at her stunned expression as he held up the key to Blue Lion in hid hand.
- "Why you big sneaky jerk! That is not playing fair!" she glared at him in protest." Just for that you can sleep on the couch for a few weeks."
- "Why would Daddy have to sleep on the couch?" Andy frowned at her parents.
- "I will explain it to you when you are older." Keith replied rather hastily.
- "Oh I get it now! This has something to do with you Mommy and being mushy with each other!" she giggled when her father's face turned a bright shade of red.
- "Yes well, about my rescuing your sisters." Keith had to change the subject before she started asking him any questions that he wasn't ready to answer.
- "Don't worry Mommy. I'm going to help Daddy get my sisters back." she

grinned when her parents shot her a lethal look.

- "No way Andy! You are way to young!" he snarled at her but she continued to smile at him.
- "I'm a ninja and you are a ninja master so, why can't I come with you?"
- "Because you are nine years old."
- "Look Daddy, you need some kind of back up if you are going to go rescue my sisters and I am the only real game in town. So, you have to let me come along."
- "That is out of the question! You are much too young to be going after Rand and his men!" Allura put her foot down.
- "I promise that I will do everything that Daddy tells me to do." she pouted at them.
- "No! And that is final! You would get us caught the second that you pulled one of your usual stunts. I need an asset to this mission and you my little shadow are a liability." he had made up his mind.
- "I swear on my life that I will do everything that you say!" she pleaded her case. "They are my sisters and I can lead you to where Rand has them hidden when we get to his base."
- "Fine you win Andy. I don't really have that much of a choice, but I put you through the works tomorrow morning and if you pass that then you can come with me to rescue your sisters." Keith finally gave in and Allura to his surprise didn't even try to challenge his decision.
- "Keith, the twins are with Sheena and Hunk so I will use Hunks key to fly my lion and then I will meet you in a few hours." she blew him a kiss goodnight and ended the call before he could even say a word.
- "Allura!!" Keith snarled at the blank screen.
- "Yes! The female wins again!" Andy snuggled back down under the covers and then fell back to sleep.
- "Women!" Keith groaned in defeat then cuddled Andy protectively.

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(1100 hours Galaxy Alliance Academy)

Keith stood in the main training facility of the academy with Allura and Andy. The three of them were dressed in Black ninja attire.

- "Okay Andy this is how it is going to work. You will face Kevin first and then move your way up to Eric. Now go out there and show them just how good you are." he grinned down at her.
- "No sweat Daddy he is only a purple belt." Andy walked up to the mat

dressed in her black ninja attire her only accessory was a black belt with four strips on it.

- "Ready? The match is over when someone score three points." Mark explained to them, "Now I want you to bow to each other and then fight."
- "One." she grinned down at the teen lying on the mat. "Two" seconds later the poor by was there again. "Three."
- "Winner Andromeda, next match Brian Vs Andy." she ended that match in less than two minutes.
- "Next Peter Vs Andy." Mark felt sorry for his students who were just no match for the little ninja. "Bow and fight."
- "Daddy would you at least try and give me a challenge." she glared at her father as Peter fell to her skill.
- "Next match Nathan. Rank second degree black belt." Mark announced. "Weapons will be used in this match winners choice." he grinned when Andy chose the chucks and Nate the Sais.
- "Have him take the safety covers off the tips of the Sais." Andy frowned.
- "No Andy you might get hurt!" Allura frowned at her child.
- "Trust me Mom. I know what I am doing." she made her weapons fly like magic.
- "Be gentle Andy." Nate grinned at her and then began the match by throwing a sidekick at her that she easily blocked with her weapon.
- "Take you best shot Nate!" Andy let him come at her with his sais and then disarmed him a few minutes later with her weapon and then scored the first point, followed by two other points minutes later and the result was Nate landing flat on his back on the mat in pain. "Game set match!" she grinned at her parents.

Mark watched as Nate was carried off the mat. "Next and final match Eric Vs Andy. They will fight hand to hand for the first five minutes and then will fight with Keith's choice of weapons." There was complete silence in the room when Eric stepped up to the mat in jet black attire, four gold stripes shone on the black belt tied around his waist. "Now both of you bow to each other and then begin the match."

- "Do I have to fight fairly or can I use my ninja skills against him?" She asked her father; her opponent arched a brow looking down at her in amusement.
- "Andromeda Marie Edwards if you so much as use one dirty trick you are not going!" Keith snarled at her.
- "Chill Daddy! I was just asking! What happens if we stale mate?" she frowned.
- "Then you get to go anyway." Keith grinned at her.

- "I'll try to be gentle Dromi." he chuckled when she glared at him.
- "Don't do me any favors! This is between you and Me." she hissed at him, bowed and then got ready to fight.
- "Fine." he bowed then came at her with several lightning fast kicks, which Andy blocked with ease.
- "Nice try but I am going to earn the first point." she grinned at him and after several tries got the first point by nailing him in the chest with her foot.
- "Point Andromeda." Mark growled.
- "How about a combination." he grinned at her catching her off guard and earning a point.
- "Point Eric. Score one to one."
- "Jerk!" she hissed and attacking him with several kicks finally earning another point on the fourth one.
- "Point Andromeda."
- "Brat!" he snarled at her and went after her with a full frontal assault and earned the next point.
- "Point Eric. Match tie. One minute until round two."
- "Give it up Eric! The next point is going to be mine!" she attacked but he blocked all of her moves.
- "No little one the next point is going to be mine!" he snarled through gritted teeth, but she also blocked him move for move.
- "Round one is a tie! Now the two of you are going to be fighting with the weapon of Keith's choice." Mark grinned at them.
- "You will fight with Shinai's (practice swords)." Keith grinned when Andy glared at him.
- "But Daddy!" she hissed in protest.
- "Shinai's Andy! You are not going to fight with real swords!" Keith snarled down at her as he handed her the weapon.
- "I am not a baby Daddy!" she pouted at him.
- "I know you little shadow and I am not going to give you the chance to hurt Eric." Keith growled back.
- "Fine we will fight with Shinai's." she took the weapon from him and prepared to fight.
- "Final match, the rules are simple try not to hurt each other too much and fight clean. Now bow to each other and begin the match." Mark grinned at them.

The sword fight continued for over an hour and was eventually called as a stalemate. The two opponents then chose other weapons and still ties with each other. They continued to fight until neither one of them could move.

"Enough! Nathan, Eric and Andy would you care to join me in getting my daughters back from Rand?" he asked the three of them.

"Yes sir!" Nate grinned.

"It would be an honor Sir!" Eric bowed.

"You won't regret this Daddy." she squealed and ran to hug her parents.

"You will do everything that I say." he frowned at her.

"Yes Daddy." she grinned up at him.

"I hope that I don't live to regret this." Keith muttered to himself.

"Don't worry darling, Eric can control her. Those two make quite a team." she smiled as Andy helped Eric up from the mat and found herself flipped over and flat on her back next to him.

"You creep! That wasn't fair!" she laughed and then began to wrestle with him on the mat.

"Keith? Why the frown? You look like you've lost your best friend." Allura asked him as they watched the two kids playing on the mat.

"You have no idea how right you are." Keith remembered his dream.

"Keith relax! She is nine and it's not like she's getting married to him." she laughed as his frowned deepened even more.

"Please Allura for love of God drop the subject!" he snarled at her and then ran from the room.

"Keith? What's wrong?" Allura ran after him.

"Dromi, don't look now, but your father just went mental and ran from the room." Eric looked down at her. "What is with him any way!"

"It's official! Daddy final is having a nervous breakdown!" she flipped Eric over her body and then jumped up to her feet. "Later Eric!" she grinned at him and then went to find her parents.

"Okay Eric, look at me straight in the eye and tell me that there is nothing between you and Andromeda." Nate teased his friend.

"She is nine Nathan and I am almost fifteen!" he frowned up at his friend and got up from the mat.

"Yeah, but she won't always be nine." he grinned as Eric's frown

deepened even more.

- "What is your point Nathan?" Eric glared at him.
- "Look buddy, a person would have to be blind not to see the sparks that fly when you two are around each other." Nathan teased him.
- "Shut up Nathan! Or you'll end up with matching black eyes!!" Eric roared at him. "We can't hardly stand each other and she is only nine! Besides that her father would string me up to the nearest tree!!"
- "She won't always be nine. Look at her Eric! She's a knock out at nine! Just imagine how she'll look at sixteen!" Nathan grinned at him.
- "She wants Black Lion Nate and I intend to lead the team. She will try and get me anyway that she can. So what you are thinking would never work!" he snarled at his friend and then headed for the showers.
- "Run while you still can my friend, but you can't escape fate forever." Nate chuckled.
- "What did you say!?" Eric turned to glare at him.
- "Nothing." Nate ran past him towards the men's locker room.
- "Get back here Nate!" Eric chased after him.

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- "Daddy why did you flip out like that! I thought that you wanted Eric and I to be friends and then when we actually act like we can stand each other! You go mental on me!" Andy asked her father, in a very adult tone of voice.
- "I have a lot on my mind angel. I am sorry if I lost it back there." he pulled his child into his arms and hugged her fiercely.
- "Daddy it is not like I'd ever marry him or anything. I can't let anything make my dream ever be clouded by anything." she looked up at her father's face.
- "Well you have a very long time before you ever have to make a decision like that don't you." he stood up and then tossed Andy up over his shoulder. "Let's go get ready so that we can go rescuer your sisters.

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- A beautiful woman with jet-black hair and almond shaped china blue eyes stood in front of the two princess's who were bound to two beds in the room. "Were we giving Rand a hard time?" Kari Edwards smiled down at them.
- "We want our parents!" Alex screamed at the strange woman.
- "I use to know your father, to bad that he made the wrong choice and

married your mother." Kari replied coolly.

- "Our Daddy is going to make you eat those words!" Ariel snarled at her.
- "I can't wait to see him try, little one." with that said she left them alone in the tiny room.
- "Kari? Are our little guests awake?" Rand pulled her to him for a nice long kiss.
- "Yes darling, they are quite awake and very positive that their father is going to hurt you." Kari laughed.
- "Keith is my most challenging opponent and the only one that has ever defeated me in battle." Rand snarled.
- Kari ran her fingernail up his chest and smiled at him. "Don't forget that I defeated you darling." she purred.
- "Yes and afterwards we celebrated your victory. It was a pity that you had to go away for four years. I have missed you." he picked her up in his arms and carried her into his quarters.
- "How can you possibly mean that when you refused to speak to your own son and daughter. The only way that I have kept in contact with you is through Shaitan!" she felt her fury towards Rand returning and easily escaped from his arms.
- "I had far more important things on my mind than wasting my time raising two children. I made sure that you always got anything that you desired." Rand snarled down at her.
- "You are damned lucky that I didn't cut your heart out with a spoon and then shove it down your throat!" she hissed back.
- "This is neither the time nor the place for this, Kari! Keith will be here in a few hours and I expect you to be gone by then!" he ordered her.
- "I will leave when I wish to leave!" she screamed at him in fury and then clawed him in the face with her nails.
- "YOU BITCH!" he snarled down at her, but did not strike her in retaliation. "God I missed you!" he ended their fight by ravaging her mouth with his own.
- "That's good because I don't plan on going anywhere." she purred against his mouth and answered his kiss with one of her own. They fell to the bed tangled in each other's arms.

"Like there is anyway that anyone could hurt me while I'm wearing this!" she snarled at her father her voice was muffled by the helmet that she wore over her head.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I mean it Andromeda! There will be no going off on your own, You will be my shadow!" Keith barked out orders to his daughter who was outfitted in a special armored outfit.

- "Hey Dromi? Can you even move in that thing?" Eric grinned down at her furious face.
- "That does it! The truce is over! You are a dead man!" she snarled at him launching herself at him.
- "Andromeda! Get off of him!" Keith snarled and pulled her off of the teenager.
- "Let go of me Daddy!" she struggled to get free of her father.
- "One more word young lady and you are not going!" Allura shouted at her.
- "That is fine with me! I will go get them without your help!" she grabbed the key to Black Lion off Keith's uniform, wriggled out of her fathers arms, and then vanished from sight.
- "Get back here young lady!" Keith roared.
- "Yes now it is definitely official she is your daughter!" Allura hissed at him giving him a, I told you this was going to happen, glare.
- "Where did Eric go?" Nate noticed that his friend had vanished as well.
- "I'll give you one guess." Keith growled as his lion took off from the landing pad.
- "Well! Do something Keith!" Allura shouted at him.
- "I am trying to Allura, but my retrieval system isn't responding!"
- "I disabled the little device that you installed into Blacky in case that I ever tried to steal the lion again, Daddy. Oh and I suggest you follow me if you want to help find my sisters." she informed her parents.
- "Young lady are grounded for life!" Keith roared.
- "You couldn't do that to me even if you wanted to." she laughed hovering over them with the lion.
- "Bad move sweetie." Keith easily leapt onto his lion.
- "Well kiddo, it looks your Daddy wins again." Eric chuckled when she turned to glare at him in surprise.
- "Shut up Eric! How did you get in here!" she frowned at him.
- "You remember when I told you that I didn't know how to vanish like you do? Well lets just say that I lied." he grinned.
- "Listen princess, this is neither the time nor the place for a temper tantrum! Now land so that we can pick up Nate and your mother." Keith glowered down at his child, but then smiled at her.

- "Yes Daddy."
- "You are in big trouble young lady!" Allura snarled down at her child.
- "But Mom! I am just upset about my sisters." Andy tried to explain her actions to her mother.
- "Did doing all of this help?" Allura pulled her daughter to her for a hug.
- "If you want to know the truth, yes for once you guys had to listen to me." Andy pouted.
- "We do listen to you Andy, but you are almost ten years old and no matter how good you are at fighting the fact is that you are still a novice at situations like this and I have been rescuing people for years." Keith explained to his daughter while he piloted the Lion towards Rand's new base.
- "But Daddy! I have a natural talent for this stuff and I may be only nine, but I am not like a normal girl my age!" she muttered.
- "That may be true, but you are still a little girl no matter how old you act or what you do." Allura reminded her.
- "All kidding aside your highness's. Andy could out match and out think most of the cadets at the academy." Eric entered the family conversation and three pairs of eyes turned to glare at him.
- "Eric please don't help." Keith snarled.
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- "We have a visual on Black Lion it has landed on the surface of this moon."
- "Perfect." Rand smiled evilly.
- "How are our little guests doing?" he asked one of his men.
- "Fine master, in fact at the moment the little brats are trying to escape again." the guard chuckled.
- "Well, we will let them play at escaping. Their baby sister will soon be joining them so that should make them a little bit more cooperative." Rand shut off the screen in his quarters.
- "Does this mean that our play time is over?" Kari nibbled on his ear lobe.
- "Yes, but don't pout love. The fun is just about to begin." he pulled her to him for one more long kiss before he threw back the covers and got out of bed.
- "I can hardly wait." she smiled grinned at him.
- "You will not recognize him Kari. He is not the same boy that you grew up with." Rand warned her.

\_\*He always was the General's number one son and he was mine until I turned towards power instead of justice, honor, truth, and loyalty. \*\_ Kari thought to herself.

"Isn't it ironic that he turned out to be Oran's long lost and presumed dead son?" Rand was jealous of the memories that she refused to share with him.

"Oh I don't know about that Rand. He always was a perfect gentleman in every way." with that said she headed for the shower.

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Keith pinned a tracking device on Andy's uniform. "Now I will know where you are at all times." he grinned and then activated tracer.

"Well at least the thing isn't noisy." she snarled.

"Nathan and Eric I want you to secure the perimeter, while Allura, Andy and I sneak inside." Keith ordered the two teens.

"Sir, with all do respect, I really don't think that you should let Andy go inside until the place has been secured." Eric was not going for Keith's plan.

"Look kid, Andy has to come with us! She is a triplet and can locate her sisters faster than any tracker we have." Keith tried to remain patient with the young man who was showing concern for his daughters safety.

"She'll end up hurt, Sir! She has no training in search and rescue missions! She is also too much of a loose cannon and that being is a danger to this mission's success!" Eric was not about to let anything happen to her, even if it meant a face off with her father.

"She is a match for you son, she has control when she needs to, and right now we don't have any choice." Keith glared at him.

"If that is what your final decision is sir, then Nate and I will secure the perimeter while you go get the girls." Eric saluted him and then he and Nate went off to do as they were ordered to.

\_\*That kid has guts. \*\_ Keith was impressed.

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"Alex we are saved Dromi is here." Ariel whispered into her sister's ear.

"He wants Dromi, Ariel! This is not good!" Alex was desperate to find away to warn her baby sister.

"Maybe Daddy's here with her. He'll make sure that Rand doesn't get

his claws on her." Ariel tried to see a bright side to this dark situation.

"Daddy won't be able to stop him. He will be to busy with Rand's surprise." Alex stepped over to the window and looked outside to spy Nate and Eric taking out the guards around the base. "Ariel give me that chair." Alex hissed.

"Why Lexi?" Ariel frowned.

"Because Eric and Nathan are down there." Alex pointed to the two teens down bellow their window.

"He is sooo hunky." Ariel sighed dreamily, while her sister began ramming the window with the chair, but the window refused to shatter.

"Give me that chair!" Ariel grabbed the chair from her sister and rammed it into the window and this time the glass shattered. "Nathan get us out of here!" she shouted down at the teenager.

"Ariel!" Nate shouted spotting the girl that was hanging half way out of the window.

"Will you two be quiet, before they hear you!" Eric snarled at them and reached into his pack for a rope to throw up at the window.

"Ariel catch this." Eric hissed and threw it up at the girl who missed the rope, but Alex grabbed it before it fell back down to the ground. She then secured the rope to one of the bedposts.

"Now climb down and try not to make any noises." Eric hissed up at them and the girls climbed down the rope Alex first and the Ariel, who ran into Nate's arms as soon as her feet, hit the grass.

"Uh Guys? This is not the time nor the place for a reunion." Eric walked over and broke up their hug.

"Where is my baby sister?!" Alex demanded.

"She is inside the base with your parents. Why? What's going on?!" Eric had a bad feeling about all of this and it was growing worse by the second.

"She is in terrible danger! Rand used us as bait to get his hands on Dromi and he has got some woman with him that knows Daddy!" Alex cried in fear.

"Nate take them back to the Lion. I am going in to get the others." Eric raced into the base. \_\*Please let the little pain be safe. \*

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Keith, Allura, and Andy carefully crept down the corridor silencing anyone that got in their way.

"Daddy?" Andy hissed at her father.

"Not now sweetie." he hissed back at her.

- "But Daddy this is important!" she pulled on the sleeve of his uniform.
- "You heard your father, not now." Allura hissed at her child.
- "Fine! But don't say that I didn't try and tell you!" she fumed letting go of her mothers hand.
- "Now lets go find your sisters." Keith turned to tell his daughter only to find that she was gone. "Allura where is our daughter?" Keith growled at her.
- "That's funny she was right behind me." Allura bit down on her lower lip fearing for the safety of her child.
- "Thank goodness I put that tracer on her. "Keith snarled and glance down at tracking device." That's odd? She is just a few feet behind us and she isn't moving around."

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- Andy had been right behind her mother when she was pulled into one of the rooms along the corridor.
- "Well, well, well, so the kitten has finally come to collect her sisters." Kari smiled down at the startled little girl.
- "Yes, but this kitten has claws." Andy easily escaped Kari's hold on her.
- "So you do take after your Daddy." Kari frowned.
- "How would you know anything about my Daddy!" she glared up at her.
- "Little one, you should have been my daughter." she informed the furious little girl.
- "Listen Lady! My Dad loved my mom the moment he looked into her eyes! How could you possibly have almost been my mother!?" Andy shouted at her.
- "We grew up together when the General adopted him and we became very close. I however became bored with being good and left Keith and my father to pursue a more lucrative career." Kari smiled down at her.
- "Then I'd say that you made my mother very happy by becoming a bad guy. Did I mention that my father hates anyone who associates with Rand or any of his goons?" Andy was finished with this conversation and went to rejoin her parents.
- "Not so fast kitten." Kari pulled Andy back to her by yanking hard on her ponytail.
- "Ow! Let go or I'll!" Andy hissed at her only to have Kari laugh in her face.
- "Or you'll do what? Hurt me? Little one when your father and I were

at the academy I was his only defeat. So, a nine year old girl wouldn't stand a chance against me, but since you are a feisty little thing I will have to put this on you to keep you in line." she place a collar around Andy's neck.

- "Hey! Get this thing off of me!" she clawed at the collar.
- "Now, now you mustn't shout at your new mother." Kari scolded her and then activated the collar.
- "Arugh!" Andy gasped for air as the collar constricted around her neck.
- "So pet are you ready to behave?" Kari asked her and Andy nodded.
- "That's better now come and we will watch Rand and Keith's rematch together." she led the girl into another room.

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Minute's later Eric using only his instincts, stood in the room where Andy had been captured. "Where are you? And why didn't you put up the fight?" nothing was amiss in the room. \_\*Don't worry Drom I'm coming. \*

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- "Eric? Did you find them yet?" Nate asked from the Mic in Eric's ear.
- "No not yet, but Andy isn't with her parents anymore and she didn't struggle with her captor."
- "I've done a scan of the base and all of the activity seems to be happening in a large room just a few feet ahead of your location." Nate guided him using black Lion's scanners.
- "Thanks Nate." Eric took out a guard and then dragged him into the adjoining room. He then changed into the guard's uniform and entered the arena not ten feet from where Kari and Andy were sitting. Shaitan stood beside Kari's chair and Rand was talking to a very wary Andromeda, who seemed to have acquired a collar.

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- "So my dearest, have you found a way to tame our baby hellcat?" Rand laughed when Andy glared at him. "What's wrong little kitten? Cat got your tongue?" Rand taunted her.
- "You may answer him anyway you wish, but try one stupid attempt to escape and I will give you another taste of the collar around your pretty little neck." Kari let Andy speak.
- "You people really are something! I am nine! What could I possibly do to you and as for her taming me well take off the collar and then taste what I really can do to you!" she glared into Rands eyes and showed no fear.
- "I have no intention of harming you little one. You are more valuable

- to me than fifteen of my best men. I will have the collar removed when you have accepted your new home." Rand knelt next to her chair.
- "I am my fathers daughter. I will never let you turn me into you, Shaitan or your mistress!" she glared at him.
- "Then I would get used to your new collar." Rand snarled down at her.
- "I won't be wearing it long." Andy smiled when her parents entered the arena.
- "Welcome, we have been expecting you." Rand greeted his enemy.
- "Andy!" Allura shouted when she caught site of her child.
- "Let her go Rand!!!!" Keith roared when he saw the collar around his child's neck.
- "I don't think that you are in any position to make demands. Oh how rude of me this is my soul mate Kari." Rand introduced her to Keith.
- "We've already met." Keith growled an acid taste was forming in his mouth.
- "What exactly did you mean by that Keith?" Allura hissed at him.
- "I am not going to discuss this with you right now Allura, so don't even ask me to!" Keith snarled at Allura then turned to glare at Rand. "I believe that you need another lesson in pain Rand."
- "He has got our child Keith so don't do anything stupid!" Allura hissed into his ear.
- "Now Keith, is that any way to treat an old friend." Kari scolded him.
- "You stopped being anything the minute that you turned on us! It makes me ill to think that I shared anything with you!" Keith roared at Kari, as old wounds thought long dead reopened inside of him.
- "My father never understood the power that he could have possessed! You were always a hero and I was only an emotional tie that you used when you came back from your missions!" Kari shouted at him.
- "You betrayed three galaxies and almost condemned Earth because of your greed! I might have been a hero, but I failed to save you!"
  Keith snarled watching as Shaitan seemed to vanish from behind Kari's throne and then a young ninja appeared and carefully grabbed the control for Andy's collar, while Kari was shouting at Keith. The guard then cut the collar off of Andy's throat. Keith now had an evil smile on his face as the guard plucked her out of the chair and carried her from the room. "I believe that I am now going to make you suffer like you've never suffered before!" Keith launched himself at Rand and then slammed him into the hard surface of the arena.

- "Bad move lover!" Kari hissed at him only to find Andy gone.
- "LOVER!!!!" Allura screeched running at Kari, who was then pulled into the main ring and pummeled by Ally's fists.
- "No one hits me!" Kari retaliated in a counter attack.
- "You hurt my baby, nearly destroyed my husband and for that you will pay!" she easily bested Kari move for move.
- Rand on the other hand was barely able to keep up with the barrage of attacks that Keith was throwing at him.
- "You really like pain don't you Rand?" Keith snarled at him when Rand pulled out his sword.
- "Actually I hate pain more than I hate you." Rand winced when Keith's weapon grazed his cheek.
- "I warned you Rand. Now I believe that I will take away your sight." Keith rammed the hilt of his sword against Rand's arm, which had him yelping in pain.
- "You said my sight!" Rand snarled.
- "I lied." he growled knocking him out.
- Allura had Kari at her mercy, "He is mine!" she dealt Kari a knock out blow to the face. "Don't you ever forget that and stay away from my children!!"

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In the other room Eric is yelling at Andy, who he has dangling by the material of her hood. "You could have gotten yourself killed!!!"

- "Let me go you big bully!" she tried to aim her feet at his mid-section but her legs were too short to reach him.
- "Andromeda Marie! Shut your little mouth!" Eric growled.
- "Let me go or you will be flying garbage transports instead of Black lion!"
- "Babydoll you are not Alex nor are you Ari so don't even try that line on me!" he snarled down at her and then swung her into his arms.
- "Let me go Eric! Daddy!! Mommy!!!" Andy wailed for her parents and they ran into the room.
- "Here Keith catch!" Eric tossed her into Keith's out stretched arms.
- "Are you mad at me Daddy?" she sniffled up at her father.
- "Yes Andy I am furious with you!" Keith glared at her.

- "Throw me back to Eric." Andy pleaded and Eric roared with laughter.
- "Does the term quit while you are ahead mean anything to you?" Allura glared at her child.
- "I tried to tell you that Alex and Ari were already rescued, but you told me not now!" So, don't blame me for getting captured by Kari!" she wailed in her defense.
- "What?!" Keith and Allura shouted in unison.
- "She's right your highness's. That is why I came in here to get you guys, so that you wouldn't have to confront Rand." Eric winced when Keith turned to glare at him.
- "What are you wearing in your ear?" Keith growled.
- "An ear Mic sir."
- "What do Allura and I also have in our ears?" Keith snarled.
- "Ear Mic's?" Eric backed towards the door.
- "Correct! Why the hell didn't you report back to me?!!!" Keith roared.
- "Run you coward!" Andy laughed when Eric ran from the room in terror.
- "Allura hold Andy." Keith gave Allura their child and then went after Eric. Who was now face to face with a very furious Shaitan.
- "Help!" Eric yelped as he was thrown into a far wall.
- "You will pay what you did to me young one!" Shaitan snarled and side kicked Eric in the ribs.
- "What's the matter Shaitan are you a little embarrassed that a kid out smarted you?" Eric snarled and spit blood from his mouth.
- "Big words from a mere child." Shaitan laughed and threw Eric into another wall.
- "That child out smarted you Shaitan! So lay off!" Keith roared at him.
- "Is he yours?" Shaitan growled.
- "Yes, Shaitan he's mine, so be smart for once and let him go!" Keith drew his sword and advanced towards him.
- "Very well you can have what's left of him!" Shaitan tossed Eric at Keith's feet and then vanished.
- "Look son, next time don't turn tail and run. Believe it or not my bark is worse than my bite." Keith carefully picked him up off the ground.

- "Sir you really do need to control your temper." Eric croaked hoarsely.
- "I think that I have been told that once or twice." Keith chuckled as they left to join the others.

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Nate and the girls had called the General for reinforcements and both Voltron force's have just arrived.

"Thanks for getting here so fast. I haven't had any contact with them for close to an hour." Nate informed Jeff.

"You did fine Ensign." Jeff told the boy. " Hello girls are you okay?" he smiled at his nieces.

"We're fine Uncle Jeff." They chimed in unison.

"That's good to hear, now can you tell me who kidnapped you?" he asked them.

"It was Rand and some woman that we've never seen before." Ari whimpered.

"Yeah she said that she knew daddy." Alex frowned.

"What did she look like?" Mark asked the girls.

"She looked like Andy grown up and with almond shaped chine blue eyes." Ariel and Alex replied.

"Kari?" Jeff frowned at Mark.

"That is her description, Jeff." Mark went running towards the base.

"Ginger, stay with the girls. Nate you came with me." Jeff barked out orders.

"Yes but on one condition." she stood up and purred into his ear.

"What's that?" Jeff frowned at her.

"Kiss me for good luck." She smiled up at him.

"As you wish wife." he pulled her to him for a fast kiss.

"Come back soon." she shouted after him.

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(Keith and his group have met up with Mark and the others.)

"You look fine. What happened to Eric?" Mark asked.

"He had an encounter with Shaitan. I left you some prisoners back there and one of them is Kari." Keith growled.

- "Eric got hurt because he was running away from Daddy." Andy smiled at her uncles.
- "Andromeda what did I say?!" Allura snapped at her child.
- "But Mom I am only stating the truth!" she pouted.
- "Sir, I am going to strangle your daughter." Eric groaned.
- "How? You can't even move." she taunted him.
- "Very carefully." he croaked.
- "Only in your dreams Lawson!" Andy hissed back as she was carried out of the base.
- "Trust me Drom, that will be my greatest desire. No making you take orders from me would be perfect." Eric grinned at the thought of having her at his mercy.
- "Dream on." she scoffed.
- "Andy, he's right. You will be taking orders from him." Jeff stopped their bantering.
- "See squirt I will have the last laugh." Eric was given a painkiller.
- "You might eventually order me around, but Arus is my domain and you forget that my parents rule Arus." she hissed down at him.
- "Leave me out of this Andy!" Keith sat down in the pilot seat of the lion and prepared to head back to Earth.
- "Daddy? How is Uncle Lance?" Alex and Ariel asked in unison.
- "He banged up, but he'll live." he pulled them onto his lap.
- "We were brave Daddy and we took out two of Rand's men." Ariel chirped.
- "And the sky isn't blue." Andy laughed at them.
- "Shut up Dromi! We did take out those guards!" Alex snarled at her sister.
- "Now girls there will be no fighting!!" Allura ordered them.
- "So? Did Andy really get captured by that woman?" Alex asked.
- "Yes and I wish that I had the device that she put on me so that I could shut you up!" Andy hissed from her place beside Eric.
- "Temper, temper." Eric chided her as he drifted in and out of consciousness.
- "Eric does this hurt?" she asked and pushed on his shoulder.
- "Yes brat!" he glared at her.

- "Sorry I was just checking." she smiled innocently down at him.
- "Andy! Quit torturing Eric!" Allura snapped.
- "But you said to keep him awake!" she pouted.
- "By talking to him, not by giving him more injuries!" Keith growled turning to glare at her.
- "Eric is a big boy sir, he can take anything that Andy throws at him." Nate grinned.
- "Please Nate don't help." Eric groaned in pain.
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